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## **10 ST. JOSEPH RESIDENTS INDICTED IN CRACK COCAINE CONSPIRACY**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that 10 St. Joseph residents were indicted by a federal grand jury for their participation in a crack cocaine conspiracy.

**Ramone D. Stillman**, 24, **Loren W. May, Jr.**, 23, **Jorael E. May**, 21, **Derrick L. May**, 19, **Loren W. May, Sr.**, 47, **Karlo L. Ginn**, 22, **Maurice Thornton**, 48, **Mark A. Wilson**, 23, **Patricia R. Williams**, 37, and **Patricia W. Stillman**, 49, all of St. Joseph, were charged in a second superseding indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Dec. 16, 2004, in Kansas City. The second superseding indictment was unsealed and made public on Jan. 3, 2004.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that all of the defendants conspired to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine between Aug. 1, 1997, and Dec. 14, 2004, in Buchanan County, Mo. Specifically, Count One alleges that the conspiracy resulted in the distribution of at least 1.5 kilograms of crack cocaine and involved dangerous weapons, including but not limited to firearms.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Ramone Stillman** distributed crack cocaine on March 31, 1999, in Buchanan County.

Counts Three, Four and Five of the federal indictment allege that **Thornton** distributed crack cocaine on June 4, June 5, and July 23, 2003, in Buchanan County, respectively.

Count Six of the federal indictment alleges that **Thornton** possessed with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine between July 3 and Aug. 27, 2003, in Buchanan County. Specifically, Count Six alleges that **Thornton** possessed with intent to distribute between 150 and 500 grams of crack cocaine.

Count Seven of the federal indictment alleges that **Ramone Stillman** distributed 50 grams or more of crack cocaine between July 1 and 2, 2003, in Buchanan County. Specifically, Count Seven alleges that **Ramone Stillman** distributed between 150 and 500 grams of crack cocaine on those dates.

Count Eight of the federal indictment alleges that **Ramone Stillman** and **Mark Wilson**, aiding and abetting each other and others, distributed crack cocaine on March 31, 2004, in Buchanan County. Specifically, Count Eight alleges that they distributed between five and 20 grams of crack cocaine.

Count Nine of the federal indictment alleges that **Thornton** used a telephone and cellular phone in committing, causing and facilitating the commission of a narcotics violation between July 3 and Aug. 27, 2003, in Buchanan County. Specifically, Count Nine alleges that **Thornton** used the means of a communication device to possess with intent to distribute between 150 and 500 grams of crack cocaine.

Count Ten of the federal indictment alleges **Patricia Stillman** used a telephone and cellular phone in committing, causing and facilitating the commission of a narcotics violation between July 3 and Aug. 27, 2003, in Buchanan County. Specifically, Count Ten alleges that **Stillman** used the means of a communication device to distribute between 150 and 500 grams of crack cocaine.

Count Eleven of the federal indictment alleges that **Patricia Williams** intentionally maintained a residence, located in St. Joseph, for the purpose of manufacturing and distributing crack cocaine. Count Eleven of the federal indictment alleges that the amount of crack cocaine manufactured and distributed at the residence was between 500 grams and 1.5 kilograms.

The second superseding indictment replaces a superseding indictment that was returned by a federal grand jury on Sept. 8, 2004, in Kansas City. The superseding indictment replaced the original indictment that was returned by a federal grand jury on Aug. 12, 2004, in Kansas City.

The second superseding indictment charges an additional eight co-defendants with an involvement in the conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine.

**Williams, Loran May, Jr., and Derrick May** currently are in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney W. Brent Powell. It was investigated by the Buchanan County Drug Strike Force and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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